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Applicants : Richard J. Lazzara et al.  
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

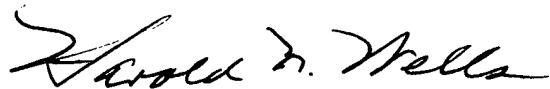
This is the Applicant's summary of the substance of the telephone interview held November 18, 2004 between Examiner Paul Prebilic and Applicant's attorneys Daniel Burnham and Harold Wells.

With regard to the 112 rejections, both the phrase "without impacting said thread portion with non-titanium particles" and the term "substantially" were considered. The phrase was considered unnecessary since the Schulte reference was no longer being cited. It was removed in the subsequent amendment. It was pointed out that the term "substantially" had been accepted in related cases and thus should not be considered indefinite in the present application. The Examiner withdrew his 112 rejections in his subsequent Advisory Action of December 9, 2004.

With regard to the 103 rejections, the Haruyuki, Kreuger, and Niznick references were discussed briefly. The Applicants emphasized their 132 showing related to Haruyuki and the problems related to combining the secondary references. The Examiner maintained his rejection in his subsequent Advisory Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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